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H.R. 284, "Public Access to Agency Proceedings  
Act of 1979"

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The language of H.R.  
284 is broad enough to in-  
clude any Government agency,  
including CIA, but the  
thrust of the bill seems to  
apply only to those agencies  
involved in "rule making,  
licensing, adjudicatory" or  
similar proceedings. Since  
CIA does not get involved  
in this sort of activity,  
there should be some provi-  
sion in the law to exclude  
agencies like CIA, if for  
no other reason than to  
avoid future problems.

I believe that with  
the change of the word  
"other" at the end of  
line 9, page 2, to  
"similar" might be suffi-  
cient for our purposes.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]  
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FROM : [REDACTED]  
Chief, Legislation Division/OLC

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Proceedings Act of 1979"

1. Subject legislation creates the possibility of award of attorney fees and other reasonable costs incurred by persons who participate in proceedings before Federal agencies, whether or not those persons are party to the proceeding.

2. The bill is directed at agencies holding proceedings with a resultant affect on the public. The question of interest is whether it is likely that any of CIA's administrative hearings would be affected by this bill should it become law. Please direct your comments and concerns to [REDACTED] of this office.

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As Stated

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